



Marc Elrich, County Executive  
Andrew Kleine, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director  
Kraig Walsleben, UCAB Chair

**March 6, 2019**

**UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, March 11 7:00pm**  
**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

***Topic: “The Cannabis Farming Trend in Montgomery County”***

***Guests: Jeremy Criss, Director, Office of Agricultural Services;***  
***Ehsan Motazed, Chief of Zoning & Site Plan Enforcement/Dept. of Permitting Services; and***  
***Mark Beall, Manager, Zoning/Dept. of Permitting Services***

*All board and committee meetings are open to the public!*

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

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***Live Discussion  
with County  
Executive  
Marc Elrich***  
*March 14, Thursday  
From 1 to 2 p.m.*

**Live Discussion with County Executive Marc Elrich**  
**Thursday, March 14 1:00pm-2:00pm**

County Executive Marc Elrich will hold a virtual town hall meeting that allows County residents to send questions or comments directly to the County Executive. Selected questions will be answered during the scheduled discussion time.

[Submit Your Question](#)

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**County’s Pedestrian, Bicycle & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 28 7:00pm**  
**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)**  
**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

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## Elrich Appoints New Procurement Director and Three Assistant Chief Administrative Officers

The Assistant Chief Administrative Officers (ACAOs) will assist Chief Administrative Officer Andrew Kleine in supervising the daily operations and performance of County government and its departments and agencies. Pictured in order above, they are:

- **Ash Shetty**, Director, Office of Procurement
- **Caroline Sturgis**, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer - areas of responsibility include [Safe Neighborhoods](#) and [Thriving Youth and Families](#).
- **Alfred Fletcher II**, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer - areas of responsibility include [A Growing Economy](#) and [A More Affordable and Welcoming County](#).
- **Adriana Hochberg**, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer - areas of responsibility include [A Greener County](#) and [Easier Commutes](#).



Fariba Kassiri will become the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to more accurately reflect her additional areas of responsibility which include [Effective and Sustainable Government](#).

Learn more about them at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22869](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22869)

Elrich has launched a national search to fill other key leadership roles in his administration. The remaining positions to be filled include the directors of Department of Health and Human Services; Housing and Community Affairs; Montgomery County Public Libraries; Office of Human Resources; Office of Public Information; and the County's Chief of Police. Those nominations will also have to be confirmed by the County Council.

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## Everyone Counts in Montgomery!

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and Council President Nancy Navarro recently signed a joint proclamation launching United States 2020 Census outreach activities in Montgomery County. Navarro is also serving as the chair of the Complete Count Committee of Montgomery. The [Census Bureau's](#) goal is to provide a complete and accurate count of the entire population every 10 years. The Census Bureau's primary mission is conducting the U.S. Census every 10 years, which allocates the seats of the U.S. House of Representatives to the states based on their population and influences the allocation of federal funds each year. This helps states and local jurisdictions make informed decisions such as where to build and maintain schools, hospitals, transportation infrastructure, and public safety departments. [See more photos from flickr album.](#)

***The count officially begins on April 1, 2020.***

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## Troubled Property List and a New Interactive Housing Code Website

**Montgomery County is committed to strengthening tenant rights to protect the safety and well-being of renters.** In addition to increasing apartment building inspections, we are working to assure any violations are fixed in a timely manner. Check out the new, interactive [housing code website about inspections](#), tenant rights and the [Troubled Property List](#). See [press release](#) for more information.

Questions? Call 311 (240-777-0311) or [@311mc311](#)

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## Veterans Affairs Primary Medical Clinic in Gaithersburg Now Fully Operational

The Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) for veterans that was dedicated in September 2018 as Montgomery County's only clinic for veterans, recently became fully operational and it has quickly demonstrated how much it was needed. In a short time, the clinic has surpassed the milestone of serving its 500th patient and is closing in on surpassing more than 3,500 visits.

The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs advocated to the D.C. VA Medical Center for many years to open a clinic in the County. More than 300 people attended the dedication of the clinic, which is located at 15810 Gaither Drive in Gaithersburg. There is ample parking and the center is conveniently located to the Shady Grove Metro Station. The County's Department of Transportation helped support easy access to the clinic by altering the route of Ride On Bus No. 63 and establishing a stop near the clinic entrance.

More information about the Montgomery veterans' clinic is available at <http://tinyurl.com/y5v2ok4b>. The clinic's direct local number is 301-591-5858.

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## Montgomery County Council Enacts Smoking Ban for Outside Serving Areas

This week, the Council unanimously enacted Bill 35-18, Health and Sanitation - Smoking- Outdoor Serving Areas, and a companion County Board of Health regulation that prohibits smoking in certain outdoor seating areas where food is served such as patios, decks or porches. The goal of this bill is to protect residents from the health impacts of smoking.

Smoking inside of restaurants or bars located in the County has been prohibited since Oct. 2003. Bill 35-18 provides customers, who choose to enjoy a meal or drink in an outside seating area, with the same level of protection from the health impacts of smoking. Restaurants and bars in the County that allow diners to smoke while eating in outside serving areas will no longer be able to continue this practice. The ban also applies to the use of e-cigarettes and "vaping" in these outdoor serving areas. Read more at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgpportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22878](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgpportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22878)

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## *Messages from Montgomery County's Office of Common Ownership Communities . . .*

**[Click Here - CCOC's New Online Training Program, Community Governance Fundamentals](#)**

MISSION STATEMENT: The Office of Common Ownership Communities (OCOC) is committed to providing owners, tenants, residents, boards of directors, and management companies of self-governing residential communities with information, assistance, and impartial dispute resolution programs that:

- Improve the quality of life in the community
- Strengthen the self-governing community structure and
- Enhance the value of residential property in community associations

The OCOC provides these services to the public with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to the highest ethical standards. To learn more, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhca>

*and ...*

### **Reducing Home Energy Usage**

This is a FREE program aimed at reducing home energy usage for qualified PEPCO customers. Services may include:

- Attic insulation
- LED light bulbs
- Furnace & A/C upgrades
- Solar Powered attic fan
- Water heater replacement
- Programmable thermostat
- Appliance upgrades

For more information and eligibility requirements, visit the [MC Energy Efficiency Program](#) website.

*and ...*



### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors & Rental Units (new and existing)**

***IMPORTANT:*** Effective 4/1/18 MD legislation requires carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in new & existing rental units. Why are CO detectors so important? Over 400 people die each year from accidental CO poisoning.

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**City of Gaithersburg's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
**Saturday, March 16**

***Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with 19th annual City of Gaithersburg [parade](#) at the RIO.***

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**County Council** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

***Also check out the latest from:***

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)